Dear Parishioners,

We are beginning soon our twelve month celebration of a hundred years of our Orthodox church in Newburyport. It is the perfect time to reflect what the church really is, and how it functions. We will undertake this as a year long project with our Sunday School, looking into both the church organizations and the Sacraments.

St. Paul explained that the church is like a Body, with many members that have to work together in harmony. If we push this image further, we can do a full anatomy of the Church, and in particular, the anatomy of a parish.

The head of a parish is the priest. He needs to guide all the members to function together and move as a whole in the right direction. In the last hundred years, our community has had many priests. Does that mean that it had many heads? No, because ultimately there is but one head, our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Head of the Church as a whole, but also of each individual parish. A priest is the head only if he truly follows Christ. Otherwise, he is merely a headache… ;)

The Parish Council is the heart, and the blood are the volunteers. The council energizes the volunteers and sends them throughout the body with specific tasks. After the volunteers complete their tasks, they report back to the council, and the cycle continues. A healthy council needs to work in perfect harmony, just like the human heart. The president of a healthy council is like the nervous system of the heart: it receives signals from the head and it makes all members work in sync. In a less healthy council, the president is like a pace-maker: it occasionally sends a jolt that brings back the members in unison.

The Stewardship team plays the role of the lungs, with the air being the time, talent and treasure needed to run the church. The Stewardship team sends resources to the council to be administered towards all the needs of the parish. The whole process is under the supervision of the Head.

The Liturgical life of the Church is akin to the feeding of the body. The nourishment is the spiritual food that we receive as teaching, prayer, worship and sacramental life, which are all accompanied by the grace of the Holy Spirit. These fill all the members of the Body with spiritual Light and bring healing. There are also mechanisms to eliminate what is detrimental to the Body: darkness, sin, unchristian behavior.

This metabolism happens both at the level of the body, but also for each individual member. Within the church, we all need an individual prayer life, regular study of the scriptures (at least weekly reading and thinking about the Gospel), sacramental life (including Holy Communion, Confession and Holy Unction), as well as living out these principles in our daily life (charity, forgiveness, humility, etc.) The elders in spirit (if not in age) become like the mind, leading the Body in wisdom.

The Body can reach out into the world by preaching the word and teaching by example. Those who communicate on behalf of the Church are like the tongue, those who move the Body into new territories are like the feet, and those who work in charitable endeavors like the hands. There is a lot that we need to pay attention to in the world: we can develop the necessary listening and noticing skills to become the eyes and ears of the Church.

This analogy is useful, but by no means rigid. In the human body, a hand is always a hand and can never become a foot. It is not so in the church: we can be in turn heart and lung and blood and tongue and hand and foot and eye and ear, but we always need to pay attention to the Head, which is ultimately the Lord Jesus Christ. Take up the challenge this year and become something you have not been yet, for the benefit of the Body!

+ Fr. Costin
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Prosforo: An Offering of Faith

Of the many ways of supporting our Church, there are few which stand out as uniquely personal offerings of faith. The offering of Prosforo bread for the Divine Liturgy is one of them. We are thankful to all who have faithfully fulfilled this responsibility and invite more of our faithful to make this a part of their lives as well.

Prosforo Schedule

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Joanna Tsiantas is responsible for the Prosforo Schedule. If you have any scheduling conflicts or requests, need to have the Prosforo brought to the church Saturday evening or wish to add your name to the schedule, please contact Joanna at (978) 465–1405 or at connor5@comcast.net.

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Parishioners,

The autumn leaves may be falling, but there never seems to be a fall-off of activity in our beloved Church community. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sun. Oct. 15 – we will hold a Parish informational update, during coffee hour, with a focus on the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebratory year; GFF management and plans for 2018; and the Parish Council’s plan to help secure the building, via new locks/keys.


Sun. Dec. 10 – Founder’s Day Brunch – this is our 100th Anniversary kick-off event, and promises to be both memorable and full of community admiration and familial love.

My sincere appreciation to the dozens of Parishioners who have supported our efforts in preparation leading to, and during, our annual Greek Food Festival (GFF) in late July. From participation in the planning meetings, to the all-important workshops preparing our made-from-scratch delicacies, the myriad of pre-festival prep activities, as well as execution during the actual GFF. The crowds of hungry patrons, especially Friday night, were unprecedented in recent memory. We again grossed over $100K in revenue, despite being sold-out of non-pastry food, by the end of Saturday night. Our GFF has become a treasured cornerstone of Yankee Homecoming, and we will continue to benefit from, and expand upon, that distinction.

The highly successful “Gyro Cart” on Inn Street, under the leadership of John Tsakirgis and Daphne Tikellis, expanded upon its success last year, and netted approx. $15,500, all earmarked specifically toward our mortgage debt reduction. $1,500 of that total went specifically toward our Pick-A-Month mortgage initiative in the memory of a true Men’s Club and Church leader, Milton Monoxeles. May his memory be eternal. The Men’s Club and many Parishioners really stepped up to support the Inn Street effort this year – and we are all extremely grateful to John, Daphne, Steve B., Jim G., John H., Kevin C., and the host of volunteers.

As we all know, our beloved Church will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary, beginning at the end of this year, and (Continued on page 7)
The Greek Ladies Aid Society
2017 Members

Stella Andriotakis
Cathleen Chadwick
Anna Chetsas
Julie Christo
Maria Connor
Jennifer Cooper
Dorothy Davis
MaryDollas
Gina Dussi
Irene Frangos Falite
Elaine Fiasconaro
Barbara George
Susan George
Stella Gigis
Diane Hansen
Ekaterini Haraktsis
Inkeri Herranen
Joanne Hight
Lisa Housianitis
Mary Ann Janos
Andrea Jones
Irene Katsoulis
Ellie Kipe
Laura Klidaris
Tina Klidaris
Chrysanthi Machiros
Mary Malonis

Anna Mamakos
Kara Mamakos
Connie Mathieu
Rose McGrath
Rena Monoxelos
Sarah Nabhan
Joanna Panas
Georgia Papanikolas
Melinda Patrick
Ann Peralta
Presbytera Irina Popescu
Pauline Rallis
Ruth Riley
Faye Robertson
Genie Schaeffer
Mary Spaneas
Kaliope Stickney
Daphne Tikellis
Joanna Tsiantas
Kathy Tsiantas
Angela Tsopelas
Joanne Varoudakis
Bunny Wescott

If your name is not listed, please consider joining and/or renewing your membership. 100% of the $15.00 dues goes towards helping those less fortunate. Please see Irene Falite or Dorothy Davis to sign up.

The Greek Ladies Aid Society would like to welcome all to the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year and to update all members and potential members on membership fees, and meeting and event dates for the 2017-2018 year.

Membership for 2017 if not paid already should be made payable to GLAS in the amount of $15.00 and given to either Irene Falite or Dorothy Davis.

Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm (except for Oct & Nov when the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday) in Nicholson Hall with the first meeting to be held on Tuesday September 12th. Please mark your calendars for meetings to be held on the following dates:

- October 4th, November 8th, December 5th, February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th.

Please note the following event schedule as well:

- September 17th, Elevation of the Holy Cross Coffee Hour and collection for Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- November 18th, Annual Fall Harvest Festival
- January 7th, Cutting of the Vasilopita
- March 24th, Reception following Feast day of the Annunciation Vespers
- April 1st, Palm Sunday Dinner
- June 17th, Father’s Day Coffee Hour
Stewardship Update

Your Stewardship Pledge is appreciated and necessary to keep our church a vital resource for the community. If you have not yet made your 2017 pledge and would like to do so, Pledge Forms can be found in the Narthex. The completed form can be mailed to Stewardship Committee, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, or simply placed in the Stewardship box located in the Narthex.

Some 2016 pledges are still incomplete. It is not too late to complete your commitment. It is not beneficial to our Parish if pledges are made and not fulfilled.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

As of August 31, 2017 - By The Numbers…

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Stewardship = 3 T’s... Time, Talent & Treasure
We wish to thank those who made recent donations to the Annunciation Church:

In Honor of The Dormition of the Theotokos
Chris and Mary Malonis

Other
Robert and Stella Spangler in memory of George Sioras, $1000
Ruben Gines donated his raffle winnings from the GFF to the church, $500
Eaton Vance Company made a matching gift donation in memory of Jamile and Mariam Nabhan, $500

“But this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who reaps bountifully will also reap bountifully”
(II Corinthians 9:6-8)

(Continued from page 3) Letter from the President

throughout 2018. We want to “do it right”, and as you can imagine, this takes a significant amount of planning and hard work. This is one of your best opportunities to give your time and talents to our Church – we are planning monthly activities – beginning with a “Founders Day” celebration and brunch on Dec. 10, 2017. Please reach-out to our ever dedicated 100th Anniversary co-chairs of Andrea Jones and Charlie Neos. Each monthly event has a designated leader, but there are still many tasks to fulfill. Please come to one of the regularly scheduled 100th Anniversary meetings (they are listed in the Bulletin and this Beacon), attend the Parish Info Update on Oct. 15 and/or reach out to Andrea, Charlie, or the leader of an individual event – and offer your time, talent and energy. Thank you.

We have such an active Parish, and I’m inspired by the creativity, passion and dedication of our Parishioners, and what we, as a small Parish family, are able to accomplish. Two of our “unsung heros” are Eric Hansen and Cathy Chadwick, who take out the trash each week, and separate/organize the recycling. A thankless job, for which we give our thanks. We also offer our kudos to Ruth Riley, who has faithfully, week in and week out, assisted Father in publishing the Church Bulletin. Thank you Ruth, for your hard work.

On behalf of the 2017 Parish Council, we offer our continued love and service to our Parish family, Father Costin, the Boston Metropolis, and the Archdiocese of America.

Louis Andriotakis, Maria Connor, Gina Dussi (treasurer), Eric Hansen (co-VP), Arthur Housianitis, John Housianitis, Jim Georgopoulos (co-secretary), Charlie Neos, Tina Papadopoulos (co-VP), Melinda Patrick and Joanne Perreault (co-secretary).

My thanks to all for making the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church a wonderful place to worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sperelakis – Parish Council President
100th Anniversary Update

We soon begin to celebrate 100 years of Greek Orthodoxy in Newburyport! And what a century it has been. The parish council decided in August of 2016 to recognize the date of December 18, 2018 as the anniversary of our Church for our celebrations kicking off in December of 2017. On December 8, 1918, community members gathered and formed the Hellenic Orthodox Church of Saint. Peter & Paul following the charter of the Church on February 14, 1917. The name of our church was changed in 1927 to our beloved Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. So we begin our year full of recognition, celebration and education.

We plan a living examination of the Liturgy in December of 2017. Fr Costin begins with a service based on that of 1917, completely in Greek December 3, 2017 progressing through the five Sundays in December (and 10 decades between 1917 and 2017) to a service completely in English. Chanting will progress weekly from a single Chanter to the full choir for a very interesting and beautiful month of services. We recognize our older parish members and out founding families with a brunch on December 10th to begin events taking place over the course of the year.

Sunday January 21, 2018 will find us at our Winter Tea fundraiser for St Basil’s Ministries as we celebrate our Community Outreach efforts. In February, the Men’s Club is preparing a speakers’ event for which more detail is forthcoming. March brings us to our Church Name Day with a Vespers service on March 24th 2018 followed by an evening reception. The focus this month will be on the many Holy Days we celebrate. In addition, we will recognize Greek Independence Day after our Liturgy on March 25th.

April brings us an opportunity to recognize the Greek Ladies’ Aid Society, putting on their fabulous Palm Sunday Dinner April 1, 2018 to begin Holy Week as we observe the end of Great Lent moving into Bright Week. In May, we will be focused on the Sacraments, particularly that of Marriage. Father Costin will hold a special Marriage blessing on May 6th at the end of Liturgy. Later that day we will have a short runway show featuring wedding fashions. The fashions show committee asks you all to check your closets and photo albums for wedding pictures and wedding dresses for our exhibit!

In June, we plan a picnic in the Park, hoping to recreate something like our parents and grandparents may have enjoyed – perhaps with a pie (spanakopita of course) eating and baking contests…committee members needed! July brings us to a combination Glendi/Greek Food Festival with Dancing and Music added to our customary July event. Many more details to come from this committee.

In August, there is talk of a parade presence with a banner thanking our city and possibly even a float at the Yankee Homecoming’s State Street event Sunday August 5, 2018. We will celebrate GOYA this month. September brings us to the beginning of the School year and we recognize our younger children who will be preparing a ceramic tile piece showing Jesus teaching the children, with tiles decorated by the children themselves and with photos of each Sunday school child. Fr will be blessing the Ikon and we will unveil it at a celebration on September 23rd, 2018.

Moving into October, we happily hear Ekona performing in concert Saturday October 6, 2018 and participating in our Liturgy on Sunday October 7th. November will find us at our celebratory banquet on November 3rd at Angelica’s in Middleton MA. We will look towards the future with a Vespers on December 8, 2018 recognizing our parish youth and newer members of the parish.

Full committee meetings are held twice monthly. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, September 5, 2017 6:30 PM
- Sunday, September 24, 2017 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:30 PM
- Sunday, October 22, 2017 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:30 PM
- Sunday, November 19, 2017 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017 6:30 PM

Please join us! Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Jones and Charlie Neos
Sunday School Updates

Welcome back to Sunday School! Our classes will begin on September 10. This year we will begin to celebrate our parish’s 100th anniversary. In October we will begin a project to give to our church an icon with each child’s picture as part of it! We will work on it in class so attendance is very important. I have attached a registration form. You only need to fill in your child’s name if your information has not changed.

See you in September.

100 Years in the Kitchen

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
7 Harris St., Newburyport, MA 01950
1918—2018

100th Anniversary Cookbook

A culinary collection gathered from parishioners past and present, near and far, young and younger.
A celebration of our life together in Christ as witnessed by our gatherings around the table, both in our church and in our homes.

Anniversary Cookbook Update

We are making great progress on our Anniversary Cookbook titled “100 Years in the Kitchen”. Our objective is to have a minimum of 200 recipes total with 100 parishioners represented. It would be lovely to have a recipe for every man, woman and child in the parish. The cookbook should also include recipes from our ancestors and our dearly departed, our festivals, our events, and our traditions—Greek and otherwise. Be sure to visit the website to input your recipe or pick up a form at the Narthex. Our deadline to submit recipes is September 29th so please visit www.typensave.com log in with “AGOC” password “eggnog847”. Submit as many recipes as you like.

We are offering two activities to raise the upfront money to publish the cookbook. We will be holding cooking classes through the Newburyport Adult & Community Education Fall Classes. The course is listed in the catalog as “GREEK TAVERNA COOKING SERIES.” We are having AGOC community member guest chefs for each of the 4 sessions. Thank you to those who are demonstrating techniques, still looking for someone to demonstrate avgolemono soup so please see Andrea if you would like to participate as a guest Chef. Cooking demonstrations and lessons as well as “take homes” include: spinach pie, avgolemono soup, lamb shank sauce, halva and paximathia. Taste testing will round out our 4 course meal with a Greek country salad, lamb shanks in the sauce and Greek coffee.”

We will offer a Taverna Dinner on Saturday October 21st, reservation only. Please speak with Andrea or Ruth to make your reservation and do tell all of your friends! The meal will be served to you in four courses, mezes followed by a soup and salad course, then a choice of Lamb Shank or Shrimp w/feta (maybe even a Greek surf and turf option!) served with orzo and Greek green beans. For dessert assorted Greek pastries including Halva and Paximathia with Greek coffee and teas. There will be a selection of Greek wines and beers as well as Ouzo and Metaxa. We need servers and bartenders so again, see Andrea or Ruth.

Our first run of the cookbook will be 500 copies, should all go well, and we aim to have hard copies available in December. This will make a great Christmas present!

respectfully submitted by Ruth Riley and Andrea Jones
SAVE THE DATE!!!!
FOUNDER’S DAY CELEBRATION TO KICK OFF 100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH!

On Sunday, December 10, 2017, Annunciation Church will honor the founding family members of our beloved Church 100 years ago. A Memorial Service will be held following Divine Liturgy and then all are invited to a Founder’s Day Brunch in Nicholson Hall. The oldest descendants of those founding family members will be given special honors and a short presentation will be given on the beginnings of our beloved Church. We are also asking for any pictures or documents that we may utilize for our historical presentation. If you have any information please contact Tina Papadopoulos at 617-828-7543. Much more is being planned so please keep that date open!

REQUEST FOR PICTURES AND ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OUR PARISH

As we prepare for our 100th Celebration, we ask you to look through your old pictures and documents of activities from events that were held at our Church. This can include individual or group photographs of Church council members, Choir members and events, picnics, Sunday School activities, Greek School, parades, Greek Ladies Aid Society info, AHEPA, dances, Church services, Christmas, Easter, etc. Programs, tickets, raffle prize tickets, flyers of events, newspaper clippings are also important to our collection. In addition, please send wedding, baptismal, ordination, or any other pictures of events taken in our Church. Clean copies may be sent electronically to Tina Papadopoulos at tpapadop@aol.com with dates and names of the events and individuals who are in them.

(Pictures and items circa 1918-1924 please send asap so that we may be able to include them in Founders Day event. Thank you!)

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Thurs. Nov. 9 (7 pm) – regularly scheduled Parish Council meeting.


Sun. Dec. 10 (after Liturgy) – Founders’ Day Brunch (our 100th Anniversary kick-off event)

Annunciation Church to Participate in Bartlett Mall Day—Saturday, Oct 7th

Our Parish will be participating in Bartlett Mall Day on Saturday, October 7, from 11AM -2PM and will be selling chicken gyro/kabobs, hotdogs and hamburgers, soda, water and desserts. There will be no other food vendors except us. All net proceeds will go directly to the Mortgage Reduction Initiative. Please come by for lunch and help support both our booth and as well as the Bartlett Mall and Parks Commission. Other organizations are providing children's events, historical information and tours, and a Beer tasting will also be offered.

Rain Date is Sunday, October 8.

Legacy Gift of Pauline Rallis

The Annunciation Church of Newburyport would like to acknowledge the generous gift left to our Church by lifelong steward Pauline Dee Rallis. She was born on August 31, 1948, to the late Satere "Snookie" "Pete" Rallis and Mary (Salmas) Rallis, who were proprietors of Rallis Grocery in downtown Amesbury.

Pauline was a devoted and energetic member of our Church, serving many years as treasurer of our Parish Council, as well as being an active member of the Ladies Aid Society. At Greek Festival time, Pauline worked tirelessly in the kitchen to keep the food coming.

Not only did Pauline support our Church during her lifetime, she made a commitment to support its future through a bequest of $22,500. It was her wish that the funds be applied directly to the mortgage of our Parish.

Pauline truly gave her “Time, Talent, & Treasure” to The Annunciation Church. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for this thoughtful and generous gift.

May Her Memory Be Eternal+++
Fellowship Hour AKA Coffee Hour

Here we are back in school again and with a full house at Church. Yeah! Coffee and refreshments are provided generously for all of us by volunteer Parishioners and through the efforts of various Church initiatives and Ministries.

Did you know that there are some groups who sponsor our Fellowship hours several times each year? Just to list a few, the Parish Council provides refreshments for all General Assemblies. Ladies Aide prepares our Palm Sunday dinner and sponsors coffee hour for the Veneration of the Holy Cross and Father’s Day. The Men’s Club provides refreshments on Mother’s Day, the first day of Sunday School as well as for Meat Fare Sunday. The Sunday School classes each sponsor a coffee hour during the School Year, the Teachers provide a meat-free lunch on Cheese-fare Sunday and prepare the Godparent’s Sunday Brunch. This is not a complete accounting but it goes a long way towards providing refreshments for our Church family gatherings after the 52 Sunday Liturgies.

Some individuals, families or groups of friends sponsor a coffee hour after a memorial for a loved one or in celebration of a Holy Day meaningful to the person or family. Some simply like to host annually. Whatever motivates you, please let me know if you would like to provide refreshment on any given day. A list of scheduled coffee hours for the remainder of 2017 follows. There are several open dates in October. I am gathering a list of names of people who will able to fill in by bringing one item with a random group of 4 other persons when no host is scheduled. If you are interested in participating please see me to provide your e-mail and/or phone number. You will be notified the Thursday prior to the Sunday coffee hour.

Refreshments should be comfortable for you to provide. Some coffee hours have been as simple as an assortment of donuts or different kinds of filled cookies. Some coffee hours are as complex as our St Basil’s Tea with home baked scones, sandwiches and cakes. One Sunday School Class provided Ice Cream Sundaes. As you can imagine – anything goes. There are many dates available in 2018 but only three days in 2017 October 8th, October 16th and New Year’s Eve! Thank you for providing refreshments and/or donations if you are able but more important, thank you all for coming and spending time with our Church family following Liturgy!

GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

The Parish Council has recognized the need to modify, streamline and modernize the management and organization of our annual Greek Food Festival (GFF), a major contributor to the financial health of our Parish. Immediately upon the conclusion of the 2017 GFF, and particularly in light of the need to commence preparations almost immediately for the 2018 GFF, (a vital part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration), the following document was prepared and approved by the Parish Council.

The proposed new structure and working model will be discussed during the Oct. 15th Parish Informational Update, and you are encouraged to ask questions and provide your input and feedback. Thank you.

Most importantly, please take a look at the positions and corresponding tasks in the GFF organizational structure. (pg 13) Please step forward with an offer to lead, or participate in, one or more of the key positions. Please reach-out to Jim Sperelakis or Father Costin to express your interest. Thank you.
Recommendations for Greek Food Festival structure & decision-making process

Draft 3 – September 20, 2017

Greek Food Festival should be “run like a business”, with typical corporate-type governance:

GFF to run autonomously, but report to, and take guidance from, the Parish Council, who will continue to have ultimate authority over direction, significant decisions, and approval of major expenditures (e.g., >$5,000).

A GFF status report will be provided to the PC during its monthly meetings, esp. from Feb.-Aug.

GFF committee will have the following structure:

**Chairperson** – a “CEO” of the festival, with autonomy & full decision-making authority. Prepare/communicate and be responsible for delivering GFF “vision” and financial goals. A chair can serve a maximum of 4 years, and tutor/train a Vice Chair for at least one full GFF cycle, leading to a smooth transition of responsibilities.

Leaders or “Vice Presidents”, reporting to the Chair, with the following responsibilities:

- **Finance/Accounting** “CFO” - track expenses, make recommendations for cost savings and efficiencies, organize credit card payments, track revenues, pay bills, and report profits. “CFO” will work particularly closely with CEO and purchasing director.
- **Purchasing Director** – prepare detailed tracking of all supplies, including food, paper goods, etc. Prepare purchasing summary upon conclusion of GFF and in preparation for the following year. Research and recommend major capital expenditures. Will work closely with CFO and individual workshop/line leaders.
- **Workshop Leader/Scheduler** – reach-out to each workshop leader, set-up and communicate overall workshop calendar. Recruit leaders for new workshops, as needed. Work with Chair to suggest alternative menu items, prices, etc.
- **Project/Operations Manager** – prepares timetable of all GFF activities and tracks via spreadsheet/checklist, ensuring all individual project tasks are completed in a timely fashion.
- **Facilities Manager** - Recommend layout (inside and out) for maximum “patron flow”, visibility and visual appeal, efficiency of volunteers, access to utilities, organize tent & covering rentals, etc. Coordinate all required servicing (hoods, grease trap, etc.) Recommend freezer/refrigerator and all other storage.
- **Volunteer/Worker Recruitment** – use all means available (web/social media, physical sheets, phone calls, etc.) to ensure adequate coverage and crisp organization, particularly during week leading to GFF (set-ups), and GFF weekend. May involve hiring out certain tasks/work. Solicit local students and organizations (e.g., Scouts) looking for volunteer hours. Coordinate mandatory volunteer training (e.g., food line) prior to opening day of GFF.
- **Men’s Club/Gyro Cart liaison** – although the Men’s Club will continue to have autonomy over the Gyro Cart, the liaison will help to ensure both endeavors communicate closely, cooperate, exploit synergies in workshops, purchasing, labor, promo, etc.
- **Permitting & Licensing** – proactively ensure GFF/AGOC are in compliance with all requirements. Primary contact for Health Inspections during GFF weekend.
- **Kitchen Manager** – work with Facilities manager to ensure kitchen(s) are ready for workshop food prep, and in good condition prior to GFF weekend. Coordinate workers during GFF weekend, to ensure smooth food operations/execution.
- **Community Outreach Coordinator** – “Solicitor General” with oversight of GFF Ad Book, corporate/community donations, “Giving Tree”, etc. Also, prepare thank you and recognition cards for donors. Recommend charitable organizations that would benefit from donations from GFF proceeds.
- **Raffle Lead** – coordinate/execute raffle activities, including $1 & $100, and perhaps silent auctions in future.
- **Promotions Manager**– recommend and organize banners, signage, newspapers, YH notices, radio, social media, flyers, and new forms of promotions.

GFF meetings and decision-making processes:

Focused and streamlined GFF meetings will be scheduled by the GFF Chair, with an agenda published 2+ days in advance of meeting. Proposed agenda items, for next meeting, will be reviewed upon the conclusion of each GFF meeting.

Although all Parishioners are cordially invited to the “open” GFF meetings, the only required attendees are members of the “Leadership Team” and other ad hoc attendees, esp. those with relevance to the agenda topics.

Under normal circumstances, the Chair has the authority to make decisions, and as such, votes will typically not be taken during the meetings. The Chair, at her/his discretion, may ask for a show of support (a “pulse”) from the group. If an item generates considerable controversy and/or a significant movement of alternative opinion – the Chair will bring that item to the attention of the PC.

Meetings will typically be held weekly, at the discretion of the Chair, and minutes and actions will be published prior to the following meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sperelakis
Prayer List

Please pray for our brothers and sisters: Gloria, Niko, Christina, Kostas, Malina, John, Simona, Louise, Pete, Vincent, Rose.

If you or a loved one is going through a difficult time and would like the community to pray for you, please call the office and request to be added on the prayer list. We will list the first names only in the weekly bulletin for six months, or until you ask to be removed from the list. I will also make a special mention of these names at the Proskomede.

Annunciation Meals Ministry

Jen Jansen is our meals ministry coordinator. This program helps us feed our own parish families when unusual needs arise. All details are on the website sign up. By using the website we are able to keep track of when meals will be provided with no overlapping deliveries of meals. This really helps the receiving family so they don’t get an overload one day and nothing on another day. If you have questions, please contact Jen Jansen. Contact info and the website address: Jennifer Jansen 978-270-9389 iljansen@gmail.com

Here is a link to your new meal schedule:

Saint Basil’s Ministries

We Need YOU. Our Home Cooks program has resumed one or two Sundays a month. Home Cooks prepare one pan of the entree of the week. We usually look for 8 people to each take a pan and that will create a meal that will be served to anyone who comes to our free Monday Meal in St. Basil’s Hall. Ruth Riley will have a recipe and a pan so each home cook can participate in preparing the following week’s meal. If you would like to help occasionally with this ministry, please see Ruth Riley.

Got Koliva?

It seems that everyone is so busy these days. So many tasks, so many obligations and then you remember the need to have a tray of koliva for the memorial service of a loved one. You can make it yourself. There are recipes available to teach you how. But maybe you don’t want to take this on. Daphne Tikellis is now available to make the koliva for you. You can call Daphne at 978-270-6089 to arrange for your koliva tray. The cost is $150 per tray.

It’s Fall, Can Christmas Be Far Off?

The choir is pleased to announce it will begin the Christmas Fast with its annual presentation of Lessons and Carols. This adaptation of Royal Hours of Christmas along with Orthodox carols from around the world and Christmas carol sing alongs has become a popular tradition at Annunciation Church. This year the choir will offer this program of readings and music on Sunday November 19th, the first Sunday of the Nativity Fast. The program will be presented this year at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Concord, NH and will feature the Holy Trinity choir singing some of the hymns with our own Annunciation Church choir. A festive reception hosted by our friends at Holy Trinity will follow the service.

Sunday, November 19th at 5:00 PM
Holy Trinity Church
68 State Street
Concord, NH
You are cordially invited to attend.

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Happy Birthday!

September         Sept. Dates
EJ Connor          Sep 04
Kristina Davis     Sep 05
Janet Pazar        Sep 09
Iris Jitianu       Sep 10
Andre Dubus        Sep 11
Dorothy Davis      Sep 15
Joey Dussi         Sep 16
Jim Yavorski       Sep 16
Christopher Falite Sep 18
Jennifer Jansen     Sep 18
Kristyne Pavlik    Sep 19
Kaya Field         Sep 20
Olivia Riley       Sep 22
Shana Cortez       Sep 23
Rhonda Tsiplakis   Sep 28
Jennifer Cooper    Sep 29

October           Oct. Dates
Dick Hill          Oct 03
Mark Bruno         Oct 08
Jonathan Hight     Oct 08
William Hight      Oct 08
Peter Riley        Oct 08
Elianna Mamakos    Oct 08
Michael Mamakos    Oct 08
Brendon Cooper     Oct 17
Marina Gearhart    Oct 19
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Anna Mamakos       Oct 21
Alexis Cusack      Oct 23
Connor Cusack      Oct 23
Dimitri Newman     Oct 23
Alexander Newman   Oct 23
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Cathryn Mamakos    Oct 30
Cleo Stickney      Oct 30
Michael Cusack     Oct 31
Annunciation Sunday School Registration

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